

# 2001: Trivia

Test your knowledge of the classic movie *2001: A Space Odyssey*.



1. **The film 2001, with its convincing scene of men walking on the moon, was first released in:**  
a. 1969, the same year as the first manned moon landing    b. 1968, before the landing    c. 1971, after the landing
2. **The famous, majestic theme music in the movie is:**  
a. "Thus Spake Zarathustra" (Richard Strauss)    b. "Revolution" (the Beatles)    c. "The Ring of the Nibelungen" (Richard Wagner)
3. **During the film's first screening, many people walked out early because of the movie's:**  
a. loud music    b. slow pace    c. violence
4. **The number of black monoliths that appear in the movie is:**  
a. 1    b. 2    c. 3
5. **In what's been called the longest flash-forward in cinematic history, a prehistoric ape throws a bone into the air, and the bone dissolves into:**  
a. a chicken drumstick    b. a space shuttle    c. a black monolith
6. **The Discovery spaceship was on a mission to the planet:**  
a. Jupiter    b. Ganymede    c. Saturn
7. **The waltz "Blue Danube," which accompanies the docking of a space shuttle and a space station, was composed by:**  
a. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart    b. Hans Christian Andersen    c. Johann Strauss
8. **The HAL-9000 computer goes on a killing spree after it discovers:**  
a. 2 astronauts talking about disconnecting it    b. a computer virus    c. a woman on board
9. **HAL lost its mind because:**  
a. It was told a bad pun    b. Its logic circuits were removed    c. It was instructed to solve an unsolvable puzzle
10. **This computer company was upset by the possibility that HAL's name was derived from its own:**  
a. Sega    b. IBM    c. Hewlett-Packard
11. **When Commander Dave Bowman enters another dimension near the movie's end, he faces this:**  
a. himself as an old man    b. a slender, large-eyed alien in a white bathrobe    c. a troupe of apes
12. **The film's original concept came from:**  
a. Stanley Kubrick's book, *Journey to the Stars*    b. the Arthur C. Clarke short story, *The Sentinel*    c. a play by Thornton Wilder
13. **The single biggest cost in filming 2001 was:**  
a. placing the black monolith in orbit    b. paying Charlton Heston's salary  
c. creating a giant rotating set, so Dave Bowman could be shown jogging through the Discovery's centrifugal ring
14. **The film ends as this fills the screen:**  
a. the planet Uranus    b. a human embryo    c. a refrigerator
15. **He produced, directed and cowrote 2001, and also designed and directed special photographic effects:**  
a. Arthur C. Clarke    b. Stanley Kubrick    c. Steven Spielberg

## HAL-9000 tidbits

- The voice of HAL in 2001 was originally performed by Martin Balsam, whose voice was considered too emotional, so Douglas Rain got the part.
- In early drafts of the 2001 script, the rogue computer was "female" and named Athena.

